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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Sir:

This responds to the Notice of Patent Term Adjustment ("Notice of PTA" hereinafter) indicated on the face of the subject patent, which issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/551,667 on August 24, 2010. The Notice of PTA sets forth a patent term adjustment ("PTA") of 378 days. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d), applicants request reconsideration of the PTA.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d), this request must be filed within two months of the date the patent issued. Because the subject patent issued on August 24, 2010, this request is timely filed.

USPTO delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) (“A delays”)

The subject application fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371 on July 18, 2006 and the first notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 was not mailed until September 19, 2007. The late mailing of the first § 132 notification delays issuance of a patent from the subject patent application by 1 day. 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A)(i).

The issue fee was paid on December 30, 2009 and the patent issued on August 24, 2010. The late issuance of the patent creates a delay of 116 days. 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A)(iv).

The above two periods of PTO delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) (“A delays”) are conceded by the PTO, according to the PTA calculations on the Patent Application Information Retrieval system (PAIR). These three periods of A delays total 117 days, the same number of PTA days currently accorded by the PTO on PAIR.

USPTO delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) (“B delays”)

PAIR records “B delays” of 690 days (noted as “PTA 36 months”). That number is incorrect. 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B).

According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b), the period of adjustment is the number of days in the period beginning on the day after the date that is three years after the date on which the national stage of the application commenced under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) or (f) and ending on the date a patent was issued. The national stage of the subject application commenced under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) on October 1, 2005. The three-year pendency deadline of the application was October 1, 2008. The patent issued on August 24, 2010. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b), this is a PTO delay of 692 days, calculated as the number of days in the period starting on October 2, 2008 and ending on August 24, 2010.

It is unclear to applicants how the PTO arrived at the 690 day number.

Applicant delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(2)(C)

Applicants filed on December 30, 2009 a Petition Re: Patent Term Adjustment. That Petition stated that applicants believed an additional 86 days of applicant delay should be accorded and calculated the total period of applicant delay under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c) as 303 days. On July 19, 2010, the PTO granted that Petition and stated that the PAIR screen had been updated to reflect that the correct PTA determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is 0 days, including 303 days of applicant delay. However, the copy of the updated PAIR screen attached to the Decision on the Petition shows that the PTO Delay Adjustment was entered incorrectly as -96 days (Exhibit A, page 3). This incorrect entry leads to an incorrect calculation of the total period of applicant delay as 313 days (217 + 96). Applicants request that the PTO Delay Adjustment be entered as -86 days, leading to a calculation of the total period of applicant delay as 303 days.

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment

As discussed above, the PTO delays in prosecuting the subject application include 117 days of delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) and 692 days of delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B). The A delays and the B delays overlap by 116 calendar days from May 1, 2010 to August 24, 2010, as indicated on PAIR. 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(2)(A) states:

To the extent that periods of delay attributable to grounds specified in paragraph (1) overlap, the period of any adjustment granted under this subsection shall not exceed the actual number of days the issuance of the patent was delayed.

Thus, under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), applicants are entitled to a total PTA of 390 days (117 days plus 692 days, less the 116 overlapping calendar days and the 303 days of applicant delay). See also *Wyeth v. Kappos*, 591 F.3d 1364, 93 U.S.P.Q.2d 1257 (Fed. Cir. 2010).

Applicants state that the subject application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer. 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(iii).

This request for reconsideration does not raise issues that were raised, or could have been raised, in the December 30, 2009 Petition Re: Patent Term Adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b). Accordingly, the issues in this request are timely raised. 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d).

Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) and to charge any additional fee required, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this Application, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 104825-0017-101.

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Docket No. 104825-0017-101	:

This is a decision on the "PETITION RE: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT", filed December 30, 2009. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) remain zero (0) days, but that eight-six (86) additional days of Applicant delay be accorded.

The application for patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **zero (0) days, including three hundred three (303) days of Applicant delay**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On October 1, 2009, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date was zero (0) days.

The Office initially determined a patent term adjustment of zero (0) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of one (1) day pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i) and 37 C.F.R. §

1.703(a)(1), reduced by thirty-four (34), ninety-one (91), and ninety-two (92) days of applicant delay pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b).

However, Applicants point out that the ninety-one (91) days of Applicant delay should be ninety-two (92) days, as their October 28, 2008 response as reflected in PAIR was actually filed on October 29, 2009. A review of the application file in the Image File Wrapper reveals that Applicants are correct. Accordingly, ninety-two (92) days of Applicant delay pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b) should be assessed for this reply.


Furthermore, Applicants point out that they filed an IDS on April 16, 2008, after they had previously filed an Election on January 22, 2008. As such, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8), Applicants should have been assessed eighty-five (85) days for filing this supplemental paper.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **zero (0) days** (1 day of PTO delay, reduced by 303 (34+92+92+85) days of applicant delay).

The \$200 fee for filing the instant application for patent term adjustment under 37 CFR 1.705(b) has been charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, as authorized.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Cliff Congo, Petitions Attorney, at (571)272-3207.


Anthony Knight
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Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Copy of Revised PAIR Screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/551667			
Application Filing Date:	07/18/2006	PTO Delay (PTO):	1
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	217
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	0
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-96		

File Contents History					
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48	09/30/2009	ISSUE REVISION COMPLETED			
47	09/30/2009	DOCUMENT VERIFICATION			
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45	09/30/2009	NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY			
41	08/19/2009	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONSIDERED			
40	08/19/2009	FEE PAYMENT RECORDED (FEES FILED SEPARATELY E.G. NOT WITH ORIGINAL PAPERS, ETC).			
39	08/19/2009	REFERENCE CAPTURE ON IDS			
38	08/19/2009	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED		0	36
37	09/28/2009	DATE FORWARDED TO EXAMINER			
36	08/19/2009	RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION		92	33
35	08/19/2009	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - GRANTED			
34	08/19/2009	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED			
33	02/19/2009	MAIL NON-FINAL REJECTION			
32	02/17/2009	NON-FINAL REJECTION			
31	10/28/2008	NEW OR ADDITIONAL DRAWING FILED			
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29	10/28/2008	RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION		91	26
28	10/28/2008	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - GRANTED			

27	11/25/2008	CRF IS GOOD TECHNICALLY / ENTERED INTO DATABASE			
26	04/29/2008	MAIL NON-FINAL REJECTION			
25	04/28/2008	NON-FINAL REJECTION			
24	04/16/2008	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONSIDERED			
23	04/16/2008	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED			
21	02/13/2008	DATE FORWARDED TO EXAMINER			
20	01/22/2008	RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION FILED		34	15
19	01/22/2008	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - GRANTED			
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17	11/13/2007	CHANGE IN POWER OF ATTORNEY (MAY INCLUDE ASSOCIATE POA)			
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11	11/06/2006	IFW TSS PROCESSING BY TECH CENTER COMPLETE			
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7	07/18/2006	371 COMPLETION DATE			
6	09/01/2006	APPLICATION DISPATCHED FROM OIPE			
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